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**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application.

**REMARKS**

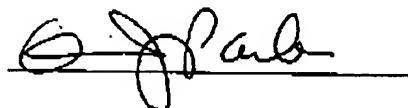
Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-23, drawn to an implantable or insertable device for the release of therapeutic agents comprising a silicone copolymer, classified in class 424, subclass 422.
- II. Claims 24-27, drawn to a method of making the implantable device via solvent evaporation, classified in class 427, subclass 2.14.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect the Group 1 claims, i.e. claims 1-23, with traverse for prosecution on the merits. This election is made with traverse as it is believed that search and examination of all pending claims may be made without serious burden.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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